

# Turkey Run Nature Center

Thursday, June 29

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**11am Reptiles!** – Meet and touch native snakes and turtles during a 45-minute program. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Friday, June 30

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10-10:30am Feel A Fur** – Let your fingers feel the differences among animals from various Turkey Run habitats. Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**3pm The Green Menace** – Find out who's killing all our ash trees and how you can help save them during a 30-min program & DVD presentation. Nature Center.

Saturday, July 1

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Snakes!** – See and touch native snakes during a 40-minute hands-on program. Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**4-6pm Roving Naturalist** – Find the naturalist walking through the campground to see & touch some really cool nature stuff!

**9pm Twilight Hike** – Come on an easy 1-hour hike with the naturalist and open up your senses as the sun goes down! Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday, July 2

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See above listing.

**10am Build A Beaver** – Join our interpretive naturalist at the Nature Center and discover the amazing ways beavers are put together during a 30-minute interactive program.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**Park Patch Program**  
**Come to the Nature Center to find**  
**out how to earn these free patches!**  
**SMOKEY'S FRIEND      JUNIOR**  
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Monday, July 3

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See above listing.

**10am Geology Hike** – Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute moderate hike to learn how the canyons were formed.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**3-4pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist while hiking the trails to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

Tuesday, July 4 **Independence Day!**

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See above listing.

**10am Make A Star!** – Celebrate the holiday with a bang – make your own star! 30-min. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Wednesday, July 5

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See above listing.

**11am Reptiles!** – Meet and greet local snakes and turtles during a 45-minute hands-on program at the Nature Center, and earn a badge when you Pledge To Protect.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Thursday, July 6

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.  
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. Must be seated by 2 p.m.  
**3pm Bubbles In Nature** – Come to the Nature Center for a 45-min. chat about bubbles that are found in nature, & make gigantic bubbles of your own!

Friday, July 7

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.  
**10:30am-12pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist while hiking the trails to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist** – Find the naturalist walking through the campground to see & touch some really cool nature stuff!

## Heritage Festival

Saturday, July 8

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**10am-3pm Toys & Tools of the Pioneers** – Join in the pioneer activities of our ancestors. Dip a candle, learn to spin thread and make a cornhusk doll. Play pioneer games and learn how to build some of your very own pioneer toys. Use a crosscut saw, listen to Pioneer tunes, and much, much more! A \$1/person fee will help us pay for materials.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Enjoy the trail of stars connecting us to our past during a 40-min prog. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

**3&4pm Hike the Home & Garden** – See how our ancestors lived. Meet in the Lusk Home basement for one of two 1-hour tours of this 1841 brick mansion and kitchen garden.

**9pm Pioneer Campfire** – Join the naturalist for a good old-fashioned campfire program where storytelling, singing, dancing and a rousing coyote howl will give insight into nature! Meet by the bathhouse near the campground gate. 1-hour prog.

Sunday, July 9

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Monday, July 10

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**11am The Story of Turkey Run** – Meet in front of the Nature Center to explore nature with a naturalist on this 1-hour rugged discovery hike.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Tuesday, July 11

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Recycled Birdfeeders** – Make a feeder your birds will love in a 45-min. program. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Wednesday, July 12

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10-11am Feel a Fur** – Meet near the 70 Steps to discover how well your fingers “see,” & win a prize.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**Programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Thursday, July 13

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**10am Special Features Hike** – Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute moderate hike see what’s so special about Turkey Run!

**11am Animal Tracks** – Discover what tracking can tell us as you make a plaster track of your favorite wild animal. 1-hour program at the Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Friday, July 14

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**11:30am Snakes & Turtles** – Meet & touch native reptiles during a 45-minute program. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist in the campgrounds to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

Saturday, July 15

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10-10:30am Giant Bubble Makers** – Make your own bubble makers to create HUGE bubbles at home! Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**4-6pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

**7:30pm Snakes, Oh My!** - Come to the Nature Center to discover what makes these scaly creatures so cool. 1-hour hands-on program.

Sunday, July 16

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**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am The Green Menace** – Find out who's killing all our ash trees and how you can help save them during a 30-min program & DVD presentation. Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Monday, July 17

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**11am Ferns & Flowers** – Meet at the front porch of the Nature Center to go for a 45-minute moderate hike to see the ferns and flowers of the park.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Tuesday, July 18

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**11:30am-12:30pm Nature ID** – Meet near the 70 steps to learn how to ID Nature and win a PRIZE!!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Wednesday, July 19

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10:30am Into The Wild** – Meet in the Nature Center auditorium to enjoy a 40-minute video to discover what scientists are doing to help save endangered species.

**2pm Starfinder** – Come to the Nature Center auditorium to build your very own starfinder, so you can find the constellations in the night sky!

Thursday, July 20

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Amazing Hummingbirds!** – Flock to the Nature Center to learn some amazing facts about our smallest bird. 30-minute program.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**7pm Meet The Friends** – Would you like to get involved with the parks? Gather in the Inn's Wagon Wheel Room to see what our support organization, The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades, is up to these days. Join a committee, find out how to attend one of their many programs, or just make some new friends!

Friday, July 21

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10:30am Recycled Birdfeeders** – Make a simple feeder your birds will love in a 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided

tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing.

*Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

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## **Park Patch Program**

**Come to the Nature Center to find out how to earn these free patches!**

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Saturday, July 22

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**10am Soda Straw Looms** – Discover how to weave using straws and yarn. 40-min. Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

**7:30pm Creatures of the Night** – Come to the Nature Center auditorium for this 1-hour program to learn who is out and about during night!

Sunday, July 23

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Giant Bubbles** – Meet in front of the Nature Center. We will make bubbles as big as cows using stuff you have at home. 45 minutes.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing.

*Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm

Monday, July 24

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Build A Beaver** – Discover the amazing ways beavers are put together during a 30-minute interactive program at the Nature Center.

**11am Snakes!** – Come to the Nature Center to discover what makes these scaly creatures so cool. 1-hour program.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing.

*Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Tuesday, July 25

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am The Beautiful Canyons of Turkey Run** – Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute moderate hike to learn how the canyons were formed.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above.

*Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Wednesday, July 26

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

**10am Make A Track** – Cast a wild animal track in plaster during a 30-min program at the Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Thursday, July 27

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Leaf Print Coasters** – Create a natural coaster for those cold summer drinks. Free 1-hour workshop. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Friday, July 28

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**11am-1pm The Trail Rover** – Watch for a naturalist hiking somewhere on the trails and get a temporary tattoo!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist somewhere in the Campground to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

Saturday, July 29

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Sundials** – Make a working sundial during this 30-minute program in front of the Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

**8:30-9:30pm Twilight Hike** – Reserve a spot for our evening stroll – limit 35 people! Be sure to make your reservation at the Nature Center before it closes! Meet on the front porch for this easy 1-hour hike.

Sunday, July 30

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Fossil Fun** – Discover how fossils form, and dig out your own “fossils” during a 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour** – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

**These natural and cultural history programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Monday, July 31

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10am Geology Hike** – Discover how the cliffs and canyons of Turkey Run were formed during a 45-min. moderate hike. Gather on the Nature Center porch.

**11am Animal Adaptations** – Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center for a 40-minute program to discover how wildlife animals survive in different habitats and have fun building a beaver!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm

## **Park Patch Program**

**Come to the Nature Center to find out how to earn these free patches!**

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